## COVID-19 VACCINATION BASICS









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## NJCOVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN



- NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS are being offered Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2.
- U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).





## H NJ COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN AIMS TO:

**PROVIDE** equitable access to all who live, work, and/or are educated in New Jersey.

ACHIEVE community
protection, assuming vaccine
effectiveness, availability,
and uptake.

BUILD sustainable trust in COVID-19 and other vaccines.



A phased approach will be used to ensure that the vaccine is distributed across the state.



#### **STAGE 1**

## Limited Doses Available

- Healthcare workers who may have contact with infected patients or infectious materials
- ✓ Other essential workers
- ✓ People at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness (65+, underlying health conditions, etc.)



#### STAGE 2

## Large Amount Available

- Remainder of those from Stage 1
- Critical populations
- ✓ General population



#### **STAGE 3**

## Sufficient Supply, Slowing Demand

- Remainder of those from Stage 2
- Critical populations
- ✓ General population

## Categories of Critical Populations including, but not limited to:

## HEALTHCARE WORKERS

- Hospital
- Long term care
- Home care
- Urgent care, clinics
- Dialysis centers
- Dental offices
- Funeral homes
- Pharmacies
- Public health
- Group homes
- EMS

## OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS

- First responders
- Food and agriculture
- Transportation
- Education/childcare
- Energy
- Water/sanitation
- Law enforcement
- Government

#### ADULTS AT HIGHER RISK

- Long term care residents
- 65 years and older
- Underlying medical conditions
- Immunocompromised
- Incarcerated
- Homeless shelters
- Group homes
- Other congregate settings such as psychiatric facilities, seasonal migrant farm workers, etc.

#### OTHERS AT HIGHER RISK

#### People from:

- Communities that have disproportionately acquired and/or died from COVID-19
- Tribal communities
- Colleges/universities
- Rural communities
- People with disabilities
- People who are under- or uninsured



## MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE

- FDA has authorized the emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 18 years of age and older.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine cost and administration cost is free of charge for consumers.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine will be given as an injection into the muscle.
  - The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine vaccination series is 2 doses given 1 month apart.
  - If you receive one dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, you should receive a second dose of the same vaccine 1 monthlater to complete the vaccination series.



## MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE

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- The Side effects that have been reported with the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine include:
  - Injection site reactions: pain, tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection, swelling (hardness), and redness
  - General side effects: fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting, and fever
- A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.
- Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include:
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Swelling of your face and throat
  - A fast heartbeat
  - A bad rash all over your body
  - Dizziness and weakness
- If you experience a severe allergic reaction, call 9-1-1, or go to the nearest hospital.

#### V-SAFE PROGRAM

**V-SAFE** is a new voluntary smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to check in with people who have been vaccinated to identify potential side effects after COVID-19 vaccination.

**V-SAFE** asks questions that help CDC monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

**V-SAFE** also provides second-dose reminders if needed and live telephone follow-up by CDC if participants report a significant health impact following COVID-19 vaccination.

For more information on how to sign up, visit:

www.cdc.gov/vsafe



# FACTS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE



- None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in the United States use the live virus that causes COVID-19.
- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccination helps protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness.
- Vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States won't cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection.
- mRNA stands for messenger ribonucleic acid and can most easily be described as instructions for how to make a protein or even just a piece of a protein. mRNA is not able to alter or modify a person's genetic makeup (DNA).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE, VISIT:

#### CDC

www.cde.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html

#### NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019\_vaccination.shtml

#### FDA

www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines

#### **COVID-19 HOTLINE**

1-800-962-1253 OR 2-1-1

